

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A scuff mark removal tool for removing scuff marks from an uncarpeted floor surface, the tool comprising:

a ball, the ball being substantially spherical and comprising an outer covering, a top end having an internally threaded aperture that extends into the ball from the ball outer covering, and a bottom end, whereby the ball outer covering is fabricated from a tightly woven felt material; and

an elongated handle portion, the handle portion comprising a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end being held by a user during use, and the distal end having external threading for being selectively secured to the ball within the aperture.

2. (canceled).

3. (original) The scuff mark removal tool as recited in claim 1, wherein the handle portion is constructed from a lightweight, durable material.

4. (currently amended) A method of removing scuff marks from an uncarpeted floor surface having scuff marks using a scuff mark removal tool, the tool comprising a handle portion and a ball, the handle portion having a proximal end and a threaded distal end, and the ball having a soft outer covering, a top end, and a bottom end, the top end having a threaded aperture extending into the ball from the ball outer surface, comprising the steps of:

threading the distal end of the handle into the ball threaded aperture;

tightening the handle portion within the ball aperture;

gripping the handle proximal end by the user;
bringing the ball bottom end into contact with the floor surface; and
removing the scuff mark by applying downward pressure on the handle
portion by the user and maneuvering the ball outer surface across the scuff
mark on the floor surface.